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**Unlawful Imprisonment, Home Invasion, and Felonious Assault Suspect
Arrested**

Royal Oak police arrested a 21-year-old Royal Oak resident for Unlawful Imprisonment, Home Invasion and Felonious Assault. Officers responded to a 911 call in which a homeowner stated an unknown male was holding a knife to a female's throat inside his home. The homeowner and his friend can be heard struggling with the suspect. The victims were able to disarm and subdue the suspect prior to police arriving on the scene.

The incident began on July 20, 2015, at 2:57 a.m., in the 1000 block of E. Fourth Street, when the victim, her boyfriend / homeowner and a male friend arrived home. The victim's boyfriend noticed the back door had been forced open and saw zip ties and duct tape prepositioned in the kitchen of the residence. The female victim's ex-boyfriend suddenly emerged from a nearby closet and grabbed the female victim. He held a razor knife to her throat and had a hatchet in his other hand. The suspect was wearing a mask, hoodie and rubber gloves, and was not immediately recognized by the victims. When the victim began to fight with the suspect, the victim's boyfriend, who had armed himself with a knife, stabbed the suspect. The attacker was held on the floor until officers arrived on the scene.

The suspect suffered severe injuries and the female victim suffered minor injuries to her hand and neck. The Royal Oak Fire Department transported the suspect to William Beaumont Hospital where he remains in critical condition under police guard. The victim was treated at the scene.

The victim stated the suspect had not previously been violent and has no known criminal history.

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